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1. a. The CHRUDIM Signal School (letecka spojovací skola) had the Vojv-Utvar No. 4649 on 1 February 1949. Air Force signal specialists were being trained at the school, which comprised a 1st and 2d company in addition to a technical company. For training matters it was assigned to the 3rd Department of the General Staff of the High Command of the Air Force within the Ministry of National Defense. Its chief was Maj. T. SLAJCHART. For administration, it was assigned to the headquarters of the I Air Force District. The materiel required by the school was supplied by the CHRUDIM Training Base No. 5 (skolni zakladna), whose CO was Maj. A. KOUKAL, who was also the military post commander of CHRUDIM. He was assisted by the following officers:

Staff Capt. BERAN and 2d Lt SLAVICEK, adjutants;
 2d Lt KUDLACEK, JOZ officer; Staff Capt SIDA, administration officer; Staff Capt F. NOVAK, administration officer; Sub Lt TRUHLAR, transportation officer.
 Maj August MAREK was chief of the school. ***
 Maj Adolf KOUKAL: JOZ officer
 Staff Capt A. VORISEK; Capt REICHEL and 1st Lt DOHNAL: Education officers; Staff Capt Fr. MARKL, Chief of training;
 Staff Capt Lubomir SYRISTE
 Staff Capt Fr. PETROUSEK
 Lt J. PAVLICEK
 Lt A. KRIZEK
 Lt A. FROS
 Lt L. MARGETIN
 Lt V. STERBA

instructors

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b. Training Base No. 5 and the technical company were located at the airfield, but the school, the 1st Co, and the transportation section of the Training Base were located in the barracks on the road to SLATINANY (O 50/ M 77)****. The 2d Co. was quartered in the higher grade school for boys. Training conducted at the signal school:

(1) 1st Company:

- (a) Two-year course for radio mechanics from 17 to 20 years old, attended by 30 students.
- (b) Six-month course for radio operators serving their regular term of service; about 80 students.
- (c) Two-year course for radar mechanics from 17 to 20 years old; about 20 students.
- (d) Six-month course for radar operators serving their regular term of service; about 30 students.
- (e) Six-month course for infantry officers, attended by 10 officers.
- (f) Six-month special course for 30 air force reserve officer candidates.
- (g) Two-month special course for COs of air bases, attended by about 10 officers.
- (h) Special courses for foreign officers, such as Yugoslav and Israeli officers.
- (i) Two-month special course for flight control officers, attended by about 20 older pilots.

(2) Second Company:

- (a) Two-year course for radio operators from 17 to 20 years old; 80 students.
- (b) Two-year course for DF operators from 17 to 20 years old; attended by 15 students.
- (c) Six-month course for DF operators serving their regular term of service; about 30 students.
- (d) Six-month course for radio operators of the flight and weather service; attended by about 160 students serving their regular term of service.
- (e) Three-month course for DF telephony attended by about 60 students serving their regular term of service. In February 1949, the last course of this kind was given at the school. The training of the radio operators serving with flight control stations was now to be conducted by the various air force regiments.
- (f) Second year of the Military Academy for air force signal officers.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~(3) Technical Company:

Instructions and training with about
six aircraft of type "Siebel"
six aircraft of type "Storch" and
two aircraft of type "Piper".

The following types of radio sets were in use with the
Czechoslovakian aircraft:

- (a) In aircraft: Fug X (LR 10)
Fug XVI (LR 16)
Marconi (T 1154, R 1155)
Liaison
Command
TR 1143.

(b) In use with DF stations:

MF D/F DF set I, EP 2a. 100 WS
HF D/F Marconi Adcock
VHF D/F Tornado, Fu Peil 80
LMRS Jalta, Fug X
Flight control Jalta, Fug XVI.
TR 1143.

(4) The following information was available on the Czechoslovakian radar system:

(a) Radar sets and parts were mostly manufactured by the "Tesla" Firm in PARDUBICE and PRAGUE. The radar section in PRAGUE/KBELY (O 51/L 89) was directed by a civil engineer and equipped with three RR carloads of sets of the "Freya" and "Wuerzburg" types. The large directional radar station in BRDY (N 50/L 43) at the "Praha" Mt. (50/L 3835) was directed by Capt. R. SVOBODA and 2d Lt. V. STERBA.***** Air force radar equipment depots were located at the KBELY airfield (in a hangar), PILZEN (N 50/L 04), HRADEC KRALOVE (O 51/G 71) and BRNO (P 50/N 40)

(b) German sets were used exclusively, viz. the "Mannheim", "Freya", "Wuerzburg" and the "Fug-200" radar sets. Lt Col. STUDENY, chief of the 3rd Department of the High Command of the Air Force on leave in February 1949, respectively his deputy, Maj T. SLAJCHART, were currently kept informed on all radar matters.**

(c) Maj K. JUCHELKA (at the time of observation in BRNO) and 2d Lt A. KRIZEK of the CHRUDIM Signal School had a thorough knowledge of radar techniques.

(d) The slightly sloping CHRUDIM airfield is provided with drainage facilities only in front of the hangars. The landing field is covered by grass. Preheaters and other starting devices were available. A special protective coat of paint was applied against the danger of icing. See a previous report on the Radar Station at the Praha Mt.

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- * a. The information on the Voj Utvar No. 4649 of the CHRUDIM Signal School confirmed a previous report. The Voj Utvar No. 4648 reported by a third source does not seem to be correct.

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- ** b. Until now Lt. Col. STUDENY has been known as the chief of the 3rd Department of the Air Force General Staff. According to the above report, this officer is on leave. His deputy, Maj. SLAJCHART is not listed in the files.

The data on the organization of the school into two training companies and one technical company equipped with trainers confirmed previous information.

- *** c. Maj. MARES reportedly CO of the CHRUDIM Signal School is not listed in the files. According to two previous reports, Maj. JUCHENKA has been assumed to be CO of this school. The names of the other officers reportedly assigned to the school are not listed in the files.
- **** d. The presence of Training Base No. 5 in CHRUDIM and the officers assigned to it were reported for the first time.
- ***** e. The existence of a radar station at the Praha Mt. was reported by another source in August 1948. All the other data on the Czechoslovakian radar system were reported for the first time.

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